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STARRED QUESTION NO:557
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JAI VIGYAN SWASTHYA PROJECT IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to launch Jai Vigyan Swasthya Project in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the districts selected for the purpose;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to associate private sectors and Non-Governmental Organisations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the NGOs and Private Organisations selected therefor;

(e) whether the Government are also providing loan/assistance to private sector for their projects in this regard;

(f) if so, the assistance provided by the Government under this project to different agencies during the last three years;

(g) the achievements made so far under this project; and

(h) the efforts made by the Government to make this project more successful?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINIS OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (h) - A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 557 DUE ANSWER ON 29.04.03 REGARDING `JAI VIGYAN SWASTHYA PROJECT IN RURAL AREAS`

(a) to (h) 21 National Jai Vigyan Science and Technology Missions were initiated on 3rd January, 1999 by the Ministry of Science and Technology in collaboration with other Departments. These include the project `Jai Vigyan Swasthya Project for Rural Areas`. This project which is being executed by a private company led by highly qualified medical professional aims at providing remote medical diagnostic care to rural population through a telemedicine networking system. The project is being implemented in and around Vijayawada, A.P. and aims at linking 100 General Practitioners (GPs) to 5 Regional Diagnostic Centres (RDCs) which are eventually linked to the Core Centre, which is a multi-disciplinary hospital at Tadepalli near Vijayawada. Project is intended to provide medical diagnostic care to patients in the identified remote areas in 5 districts in and around Vijayawada.

Technology Development Board, Department of Science and Technology has provided loan assistance ofRs. 460 lakhs out of the total project cost of Rs. 998 lakhs. The multi-speciality hospital, which is acting as the core centre, has already been set up by the entrepreneur and some linkages with RDCs and GPs have also been established. Detailed project completion report is awaited from the company.

This project is expected to be a forerunner to inspire entrepreneurs elsewhere in the country to take up similar projects.